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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3551

AMCONSUL BOMBAY

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, ETRD, CE

SUBJ: SOME PROGRESS ON ESSO CLAIM

REF: A) STATE 232663 B) COLOMBO 3101

1. WEEK OF SEPT 29 SAW FOLLOWING POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN EFFORT TO EXPEDITE ESSO CLAIM AGAINST CEYLON PETROLEUM CORP (CPC):
2. EMBASSY REMINDED TRADE MINISTRY SECRETARY KELEGAMA OF POSSIBLE JEOPARDY TO SRI LANKA'S GSP ELIGIBILITY CREATED BY LONG OUTSTANDING ESSO CLAIM AND OUTLINED REVIEW PROCEDURE NOW UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON AGENCIES

IN ANTICIPATION GSP ENTERING EFFECT JANUARY 1. KELEGAMA SAMD HE WOULD ACT AND LATER TOLD EMBASSY TRADE MINISTER WAS WRITING LETTER TO INDUSTRIES MINISTER T.B. SUBASINGHA CALLING ATTENTION TO GSP IMPLICATION AND REQUESTING THAT SETTLEMENT OF ESSO CLAIM BE EXPEDITED. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER LETTER HAS ACTUALLY BEEN SENT.

3. DCM AND EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER CALLED ON CPC
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CHAIRMAN MCCOOMARASWAMY TO DISCUSS CASE AND DETERMINE

RESPONSE TO NEFF'S SEPT 11 LETTER. COOMARASWAMY
WAS FORTHCOMING AND INDICATED HE WANTED TO SEE
CLAIM SETTLED SOONEST. HE GAVE US COPY OF HIS
SEPT 24 REPLY TO NEFF STATING THAT HE WAS
PRESSING CHIEF VALUER TO EXPEDITE VALUATION REPORT
AND THAT HE REGRETTED DELAY. COOMARASWAMY ALSO
READ FAIRLY STRONG LETTER TO CHIEF VALUER URGING
HASTE AND POINTING OUT POSSIBLE HARM TO SRI LANKA'S
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

4. WE HAVE CONFIRMED WITH ESSO EASTERN LOCAL
REP THAT NEFF NOW PLANS TO COME TO
COLOMBO IN LATE OCTOBER.

5. FOR BOMBAY: PLEASE GIVE NEFF GIST OF FOREGOING
MESSAGE.
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